

# Editorial

## E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)



## Letters to the editor

### Thanks for support

Our humble thanks to all those people who helped with the kind words, food and flowers - for the respect and love shown to our beloved mother, Annie J. Smith. Thanks, also, to the many relatives and friends who traveled many miles.

A special thanks to our two sisters-in-law who showed respect and love to our mother, and carried out their duties during the services.

A special thanks to all the people who prepared the numerous meals. And last, but

not least, to the most wonderful help from the Shaker people and all other religious people who participated.

Thanks deeply to all the relatives and other people who brought food, blankets, material and many other items for the giveaway.

Sincerely,  
**Mr. Kenneth Smith**  
**Miss Zelma Smith**  
**Mr. Claude Smith, Sr.**  
**Mr. Alvis Smith, Sr.**  
**Mrs. Mildred Tyler**  
**Mrs. Katherine Courtney**  
**Mrs. Myrtle Monroe**

## Thanks for concern

To the Editor,

I would like to take time to thank all of people who took the time to show their concern and care while I was in the hospital. I really appreciated the telephone calls and the visits. I want to let those people

know I am back home and doing well. Knowing people care is a great help when a person is ill. Again thank you for your concern.

Cy Katchia

Tribal Member

## Swimmers thank you

To the Editor,

We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the following people and the tribal departments for their support of the Youth Swim Program.

To Kah-Nee-Ta Resort for free admission and use of the pool. The following also gave donations: Police Department, Community Center, Group Home, Rainbow Market (Bob and Shirley), Dan Macy of Macy's, Rick Souers, the Intertribal Sports, Madeline Queahpama and Satch Miller.

All the donations were used to purchase equipment that enhances our conditioning. We would also like to extend an open invitation to all reservation youth between the 5th and 12th grades to join us on Tuesdays from 4-6:30 p.m.

The bus leaves from across the street at Macy's at 4:00 p.m. The free swim program will last until shortly before school closes.

Respectfully

Youth Swim Program

## Pain still felt from loss

To the Editor,

On behalf of the "The Patt" family, we wish to express our appreciation to all those who were near to extend a helping hand, to offer words of comfort and lend us strength. It was this spirit of kindness that enabled us to pull together and continue on.

Our loved one who has passed on was a self-starter who believed that the future lies not in what others do for you but in what you do for yourself. He believed that a person should choose a direction for their life and maintain it. This philosophy was reflected in his attitude toward his family, his people, his job and his past times. He did not dwell on the past, nor did he loiter in the present. His eyes were cast on future goals and it was his way to try to reach there as soon as possible.

Although his education and background presented opportunities elsewhere, he decided early, his place was among his people. He found

that all of the things he wanted and all of the things he enjoyed—friends, past times and job—were found to be in abundance right here on the reservation. This was the direction he chose and he pursued it to the fullest.

He counted among his friends NBA basketball player Bill Walton, PRCA cowboys Gary Hemstead and Mike Beers. Screenwriter Cy Gomberg, and actors, Eddie Albert and the late David Jansen. That did not turn out of his normal path to meet and become friends with these people attest to both his individual duality and the diversity of his lifestyle.

For his people, he felt a mixture of worry and optimism. Worry that the Indian people would fall victim to their own attempts to emulate non-Indians; optimism that the stabilizing influence of the older generations could prevent it. Worry that the Indian way-of-life was fading away; optimism that there are still young people

Unemployment dilemma. . .

## Not fault of counselor

To the Editor,

Once again I have been made aware of complaints voiced by those who are affected by unemployment and say I am personally responsible for them, or someone in their family, not getting a job. I would like to answer to these comments now, since I am not always free to attend district/general council meetings because of family obligations.

There are many concerns and questions that I and other tribal members have about what is happening with our tribal organization and where it is headed. There are a lot of concerns and gripes about the way the employment situation is being dealt with and I, for one, feel the same way that many others do. In Personnel, the staff has really tried to enforce the approved Tribal Council policies regarding employment; however, we have limited authority over these kinds of things (there is more to this area than meets the eye).

We have serious problems that need to be dealt with right here in Warm Springs. I heard many say that they have gone individually to Tribal Council members who are supposed to have the authority to answer questions or look into problems, and these individuals say that they were then sent somewhere else to find the answer. Where it ends up is what is called "passing the buck." It's time to stop beating around the bush and say it like it is. It is those in authority who should see to it that some positive, "realistic," and mandatory changes are made

in the over-all employment area on behalf of the people: this means our Tribal Council.

With Tribal elections coming soon, it is up to each of us to see that the person we vote for are going to set their priorities to ensure they are here in Warm Springs when we need them, to work for all the people of this reservation (is all the traveling that goes on really necessary?) If the people see some positive changes on their behalf, maybe, just maybe, they would have a reason to try and make some positive changes in their lives to better themselves so that they could hold a job. This is one area of concern. (You cannot speak for everyone because anyone who is willing to grow will-or-should learn by his/her mistakes in life—just because someone falls down doesn't mean they have to stay down, unless they want to).

We are all going to have to work together to see changes take place, and if we cannot get those in authority to work for us in such a way that we can see them working for us, then we are fighting an endless battle.

Some asked me once: "what is employment? Is it a privilege or a right?" I have thought about the answer and can now say that having a job is a privilege. I earned mine like many others. Jobs are not given away here as handouts. You have to work and prove yourself to get a job and you have to work harder to keep it (even though the word "work" is a four-letter-word, it is not a dirty word.)

The reason I wrote this letter is because I, for one, am constantly being put down because someone didn't, or—

doesn't, get a job. I do not have the authority to give anyone a job! I am required, in some cases, to screen out applicants who do not have the minimum qualifications for the job or have poor personal work histories. My work is not always pleasant, but it is my responsibility to do what the "hiring authority" requests. Those tribal members who are experiencing a lot of difficulty in finding work should come to see me for counseling or just to ask questions. Through individual counseling, we can get to the root of the problem for not getting/holding a job, and then take corrective steps. But you must come to me, first. I cannot help you unless you seek to help yourself.

So, I ask that those of you who question my job responsibilities, come to me to find the answers and not to someone else who assumes they know the answer. No one should criticize anyone who is not present to speak/answer for themselves. I will not pass the buck!

Thank You  
**Mayann Gabriel**  
 Concerned Tribal Member and  
 Employment Counselor  
 Personnel Department

### Note From The Editor

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles to be published from its readers. Short letters preferably 300 words or less are also welcome. All letters must include the writer's name and address.

Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy.

## Tribal Council Agenda

- March 21 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. BIA '85 Budget Review-Merritt Youngdeer  
 Preliminary Discussion—Use of Road Tax
- March 22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. Enrollments and Report on Water Plan/Dennis Karnopp
- March 23 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. 1982 Audit Report and 1983 Year-to-date Financial Report/Doug McClelland and Jim Sizemore  
 2. 2:00 p.m. Group Insurance  
 Deferred Compensation  
 Accounts Receivable Policy  
 W/Doug McClelland and Jim Sizemore
- March 24 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. IHS Eligibility-Garet Soules/Bob Jackson  
 2. 2:00 p.m. Scholarship Policy-Jody Calica
- March 28 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. BPA Contracts-Natural Resources  
 Unfinished Business
- March 29 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. Minors' Trust Agreement-Dennis Karnopp
- March 30 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
 1. 10:00 a.m. Tribal Council Report-Dave Harding, Acting Chief Judge and Marcia Soliz  
 2. 2:00 p.m. BLM-Sale of Lands

Sincerely,

The Patt Family